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SUBJECT: US FORCE LEVELS

1. YOU WILL RECEIVE IN TODAY'S WIRELESS FILE TEXT OF BALTIMORE SUN STORY ON PLANNED US FORCE REDUCTIONS IN THAILAND. ACCORDING TO SUN, US PRESENCE WILL UNDERGO "SHARP REDUCTION" THIS SUMMER, REACHING IN TIME A RESIDUAL LEVEL OF FEWER THAN 10,000 PERSONNEL AND UNDER 150 COMBAT AIRCRAFT.

2. THE FOLLOWING Q'S AND A'S WERE PREPARED FOR THE DEPARTMENT'S SPOKESMAN:

QUESTION: IS THERE ANY TRUTH TO THE STORY IN THE FEBRUARY 25 BALTIMORE SUN THAT THE US MILITARY FORCE IN THAILAND WILL BE REDUCED TO 10,000 MEN AND UNDER 150 COMBAT AIRCRAFT?

ANSWER: US FORCE LEVELS IN THAILAND ARE SUBJECT TO CONTINUING DISCUSSIONS BETWEEN THE US AND THAI GOVERNMENTS.
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BOTH GOVERNMENTS, AS A GENERAL PROPOSITION, HAVE FAVORED

REDUCTIONS, SECURITY CONDITIONS IN THE AREA PERMITTING.
NO ACTION WOULD BE TAKEN WITHOUT FULL CONSULTATION.

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SECRETARY OF DEFENSE SCHLESINGER USED A FIGURE OF 10,000
BEFORE THE SENATE ARMED SERVICES COMMITTEE FEBRUARY 5.
THIS IS A TENTATIVE GOAL AND SECRETARY SCHLESINGER DID
NOT LINK IT WITH A SPECIFIC DATE.

QUESTION: HAVE WE BEEN TALKING TO THE THAI ABOUT FURTHER
REDUCTIONS?

ANSWER: US AND THAI REPRESENTATIVES MET JANUARY 22 TO
DISCUSS WITHDRAWALS TO DATE AND THE SITUATION IN INDO-
CHINA. HOWEVER, BECAUSE OF THE OFFENSIVES UNDERWAY IN
BOTH CAMBODIA AND SOUTH VIETNAM, THERE WAS NO DISCUSSION
OF FURTHER WITHDRAWALS AT THAT TIME. WE HAVE NOT MET
WITH THE THAI SINCE THAT DATE. WE EXPECT TO HOLD FURTHER
DISCUSSIONS WITH THE NEW THAI GOVERNMENT AFTER IT IS
INSTALLED.

3. THERE WERE NO QUESTIONS AT THE SECRETARY'S PRESS
CONFERENCE FEBRUARY 25. KISSINGER

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